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## **ULTRASOUND SERVICES ARE ACCREDITED AT HALIFAX REGIONAL**

**ROANOKE RAPIDS, N.C. (December 27, 2010)—Halifax Regional has been awarded accreditation in ultrasound after an extensive review by the American College of Radiology.**

Accreditation is the gold seal of the American College of Radiology and represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. Accreditation is awarded to facilities meeting the Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards of the ACR.

Halifax Regional voluntarily sought the accreditation to obtain an objective, outside review of its ultrasound program.

“This evaluation by experts sends a message to the community that Halifax Regional meets the highest standards of quality of exams and reports, equipment and staff,” said William Navarro, manager of the Imaging Department.

The experts evaluate image quality, personnel, qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures and quality assurance programs.

Ultrasound imaging, also known as sonography, uses high-frequency sound waves to procedure images of internal body parts to help diagnose illness, injury or other medical problems.

The American College of Radiology is a national professional organization serving more than 34,000 diagnostic/interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, nuclear oncologists, nuclear medicine physicians and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive healthcare services.

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### **About Halifax Regional**

Halifax Regional Medical Center is licensed for 204 beds, including psychiatric and nursery. A non-profit organization, Halifax Regional is fully accredited by the Joint Commission. For more information, visit [www.halifaxregional.org](http://www.halifaxregional.org).